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SUBJECT: ISRAELI COMPLAINT AGAINST U.S. ROLE AT THE SECURITY  
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1. THIS REPORT SUPPLEMENTS REFTEL WITH RESPECT TO OUR  
EXCHANGES WITH ISRAELIS SUNDAY, MARCH 19, ABOUT PROCEEDINGS  
IN THE SECURITY COUNCIL.

2. FOLLOWING UP ON HIS EXCHANGES WITH ISRAELIS SATURDAY  
(STATE 70429), ATHERTON CALLED ISRAELI MINISTER BAR-ON  
ABOUT NOON SUNDAY TO CALL HIS ATTENTION TO UN DOCUMENT  
CONTAINING PROPOSED MANDATE FOR UN FORCE. IN DOING SO,  
HE SUGGESTED THAT ISRAELI UN MISSION BE IN TOUCH WITH UN  
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SECRETARIAT AND WITH USUN ABOUT ANY COMMENTS IT MIGHT  
HAVE.

3. DINITZ CALLED ATHERTON ABOUT 9 P.M. SUNDAY TO REGISTER  
ESSENTIALLY THE SAME COMPLAINTS REPORTED IN REFTEL, IN  
PARTICULAR MAKING POINTS WHICH ROSENNE MADE TO LEONARD IN  
PARAGRAPH 5 OF REFTEL. DINITZ SAID HE HAD BEEN INSTRUCTED

BY PRIME MINISTER TO CALL THE SECRETARY BUT WAS CALLING

ATHERTON INSTEAD WITH REQUEST THAT ATHERTON BRING THIS APPROACH TO THE SECRETARY'S ATTENTION. AMONG OTHER THINGS, DINITZ SAID THAT THE METHOD BY WHICH THIS MATTER HAD BEEN HANDLED IN NEW YORK, WITHOUT GIVING TIME FOR ISRAELIS' VIEWS TO BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT FOLLOWING PRIME MINISTER'S ARRIVAL, WAS UNACCEPTABLE ONE. SO FAR AS TEXT OF SECRETARY GENERAL'S REPORT CONTAINING MANDATE FOR UN FORCE WAS CONCERNED, DINITZ SAID THERE WERE A NUMBER OF PROBLEMS BUT THAT PARAGRAPH 6 AS IT HAD BEEN MODIFIED WAS UNACCEPTABLE SINCE IT DID NOT MAKE EXPLICIT PROVISION FOR PREVENTING RETURN OF TERRORISTS TO THE AREA.

4. AFTER CONSULTING WITH MAYNES, SAUNDERS AND THE SECRETARY, ATHERTON CALLED DINITZ BACK IN NEW YORK TO SAY THAT THE SECRETARY HAD ASKED HIM TO CONVEY THE FOLLOWING: DINITZ COULD ASSURE THE PRIME MINISTER THAT WE HAD HAD THEIR CONCERNS, WHICH ARE ALSO OUR CONCERNS, VERY MUCH IN MIND. WE BELIEVE THAT THE FORCE MANDATE TAKEN AS A WHOLE MEETS THOSE CONCERNS AND THAT THINGS WILL WORK OUT ALL RIGHT. SPECIFICALLY, WE BELIEVE THAT THE COMBINATION OF PARAGRAPHS 2(D) AND 6, PLUS THE SECRETARY GENERAL'S INTERPRETIVE REMARKS, PROVIDES A BASIS FOR DEALING ADEQUATELY WITH THE PROBLEM OF TERRORIST ATTACKS LAUNCHED FROM THE AREA.

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5. AT THE END OF THIS CONVERSATION, DINITZ SAID THAT UN SECRETARIAT OFFICIALS HAD TOLD ISRAEL THE USG HAD SUGGESTED CHANGES WHICH WATERED DOWN PARAGRAPH 6 AS ORIGINALLY DRAFTED. THE FACTS ARE THAT THE U.S. PROPOSED ELIMINATING A PHRASE IN THE FINAL SENTENCE OF PARAGRAPH 6 CONCERNING "DEMILITARIZATION OF THE AREA" SINCE THIS MIGHT BE INTERPRETED AS CONFLICTING WITH THE INTRODUCTION OF LEBANESE ARMY UNITS AND AS A BASIS FOR DISARMING THE CHRISTIAN FORCES IN THE AREA. THE ARABS, IN TURN, SUGGESTED THAT THE FINAL SENTENCE BE GENERALIZED TO STATE THAT THE FORCE WILL "TAKE ALL MEASURES DEEMED NECESSARY TO ASSURE THE EFFECTIVE RESTORATION OF LEBANESE SOVEREIGNTY." AFTER IT WAS DETERMINED FROM THE SECRETARY GENERAL THAT THE GENERAL LANGUAGE PROVIDED HIM WITH ALL THE AUTHORITY HE HAD UNDER THE EARLIER LANGUAGE AND AFTER THE U.S. HAD INSERTED THE WORDS "CONTROL MOVEMENT," THE U.S. ACCEPTED THE ARAB LANGUAGE, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE TERMS OF PARAGRAPH 2(D) WHICH STATE THAT THE FORCE WILL "ENSURE THAT ITS AREA OF OPERATION IS NOT UTILIZED FOR HOSTILE ACTIVITIES OF ANY KIND." VANCE

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